(c) whether Government are planning to enhance this amount to a reasonable level so that the NGOs can offer better services to these handicapped who cannot help themselves ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No Sir. Under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities assistance is given to the extent of 90% of the project cost to non-Governmental organizations for different types of projects taken up for the Welfare of disabled. Total amount of assistance given depends upon the project for which assistance is sought and the amount of assistance for various components within the project and the amount recommended by the Inspecting authorities of the State Government as well as the ceiling norms prescribed for the components. There is no proposal to enhance the amount of ceiling norms for various components for the present.

**Appointment of Member to the Dave Committee**

4510. SHRI JIBON ROY : Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently appointed Dave Committee to go into the question of PF and Pension Scheme;

(b) whether a former Central Provident Fund Commissioner was appointed as a member of the Committee;

(c) whether the Ministry of Labour was consulted before nominating him on the Committee; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The participation of the former Central Provident Fund Commissioner as a Member of the Committee was in his capacity as an expert on the subject and not as a Government representative.